



CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

OC Haley Blvd. Streetscape
Pre-Construction Public Meeting

August 16, 2016

Agenda

- **Background**
- **Scope of Work**
- **Construction Sequencing**
- **Discussion**



Background

- **Summer 2008** - Dept. of Public Works receives \$300,000 in Disaster-Community Development Block Grant funding for development of the OC Haley Blvd Streetscape Project. Project limits are St. Andrew to Felicity St.
- **Nov. 2008** – Grant funds are used to development plan for Central City
- **Dec. 2008 – Jan. 2009** - H3 conducts stakeholder interviews
- **Jan. 2009** - Community members offer feedback at Public Meeting
- **Jan. 2009 - April 2009** - Steering Committee meets and holds two additional public workshops
- **Summer 2009** – H3 releases *Moving Forward: Development Framework and Urban Design Plan for Central City* draft plan for public review



Background

- **Spring 2010** – H3 publishes *"Moving Forward: Development Framework and Urban Design Plan for Central City"*
- **Fall 2011** – Project budget and scope increases to a total of D-CDBG \$965,000 and extends project limits from St. Andrew St. to Calliope St.
- **April 2012** – Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement provides update to OC Haley Merchants Asso. (OCHMBA)
- **May and June 2012** - OCHMBA planning Committee meets with DPW to discuss scope and budget increases. Scope includes removal of neutral ground
- **Dec. 2012** –State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) expresses concern over plans to remove median. Safety concern eliminates angled parking from plan.



Background

- **Mar. 2013** - Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement provides update to OCHMBA
- **Mar. 2013** – DPW, SHPO and OCHMBA meet to discuss median removal and parking
- **April 12, 2013** – Legal notice of Section 106 public meeting published in *Times-Picayune*
- **April 2013** – National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 public meeting
- **May 2015** – Budget increases to approx. \$1.85 M
- **June 2015** - Project goes to public bid, responses exceed budget



Background

- **Sept. 2015** – DPW Participates in Project for Public Spaces
- **March 2016** – DPW provides status update to OCHMBA
- **May 2016** – Project goes to public bid
- **August 25, 2016** – Construction begins
- **Spring 2017*** – Construction complete

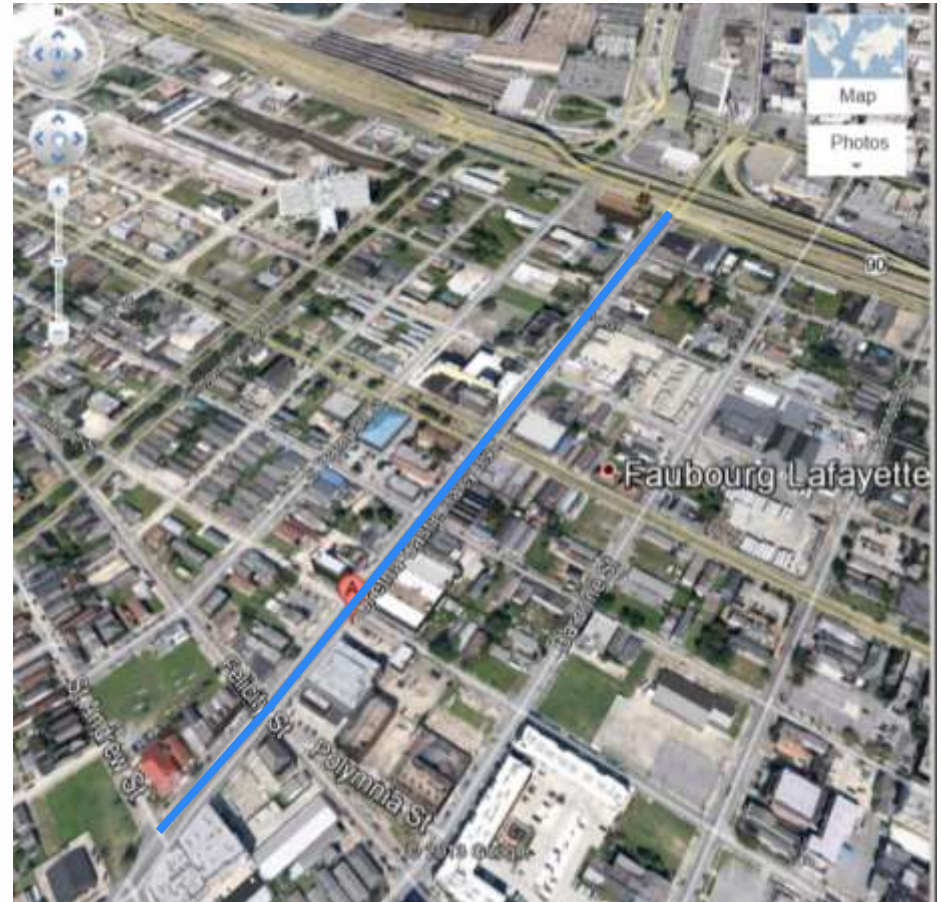
* Timeline is tentative and subject to change



Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

St. Andrew St. to Calliope St.

- Funded by
 - Disaster – Community Development Block Grant
- Total investment \$1.85 M
- Designed by GEC, Inc.
- Construction by Roubion Roads and Streets, LLC
- Construction scheduled to begin August 25, 2016 and be completed in spring 2017



OC Haley Streetscape project design
incorporates Complete Streets principles



Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

St. Andrew St. to Calliope St.



Existing Conditions



Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

St. Andrew St. to Calliope St.

● **Scope:**

- Partial removal of the median from Felicity St. to Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
- Wider pedestrian refuges at intersections
- Repairs to damaged sidewalks
- New Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps
- Conversion of the roadway from two travel lanes and parking lane to one travel lane, bike lane, and parking in each direction
- New high visibility crosswalks and bike lane
- Maintain rain gardens
- Landscaping and tree cuts
- Asphalt roadway repaving



Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

St. Andrew St. to Euterpe St.



Conceptual image



Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

Euterpe St. to Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.

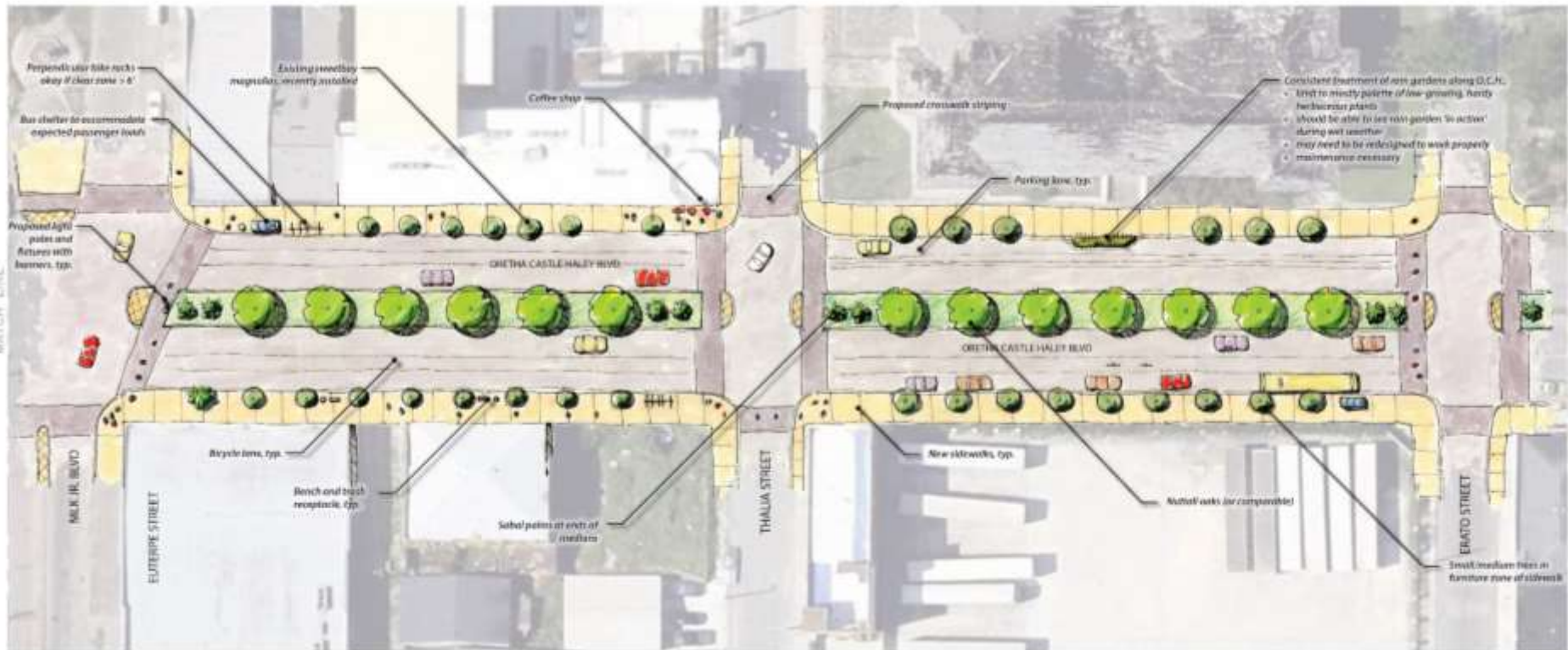


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Oretha C. Haley Blvd Streetscape

Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. to Calliope St.



Conceptual image



Sidewalks and Driveway Aprons



- Damaged sidewalks will be replaced in kind
- Bricks near existing rain gardens will be repaired



Americans with Disabilities Act- Compliant Curb Ramps



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps at sidewalk corners ensure accessibility for people who are visually or physically impaired, using wheelchairs or strollers.



Striping



Landscaping



Chinese Pistache



Sweetbay Magnolia



Shumard Oak



Construction Sequencing

- **Phase I** - St. Andrew St. to Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
 - Work will start on the neutral ground at St. Andrew and move towards MLK, then work will progress to the sidewalks
- **Phase II** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to Calliope St.
 - Work will start on the neutral ground at MLK then move to Calliope St., then work will progress to the sidewalks
- Majority of work will be on the neutral grounds
- Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times
- Vehicular traffic will be maintained
- Maintain transit access
- Asphalt work will occur towards the end of the project



What to Expect During Construction

Temporary construction inconveniences:

- Road and lane closures
- Limited parking availability
- Movement of heavy equipment
- Dust
- Work Vehicles
- Safety signage and sounds
- Additional equipment, dump trucks
- Efforts to minimize impacts
- E-mail status updates
- Sign in tonight to be added to the e-mail list



Regular work hours will be Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m.
Permission for occasional weekend work may be granted, if required.



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Ground Rules

- Comment Cards are available at the sign in table
- Speakers will be called upon in the order their comment card is received
- Comments, verbal and written, will be considered equally
- Please limit verbal comments to 3-minutes

